

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	LAUTT	Examiner:	N. ZHANG
Serial No.:	09/806,989	Group Art Unit:	1614
Filed:	MAY 29, 2001	Docket No.:	14217.1USWO
Confirmation No	7861	Customer No.	23552
Title:	METHOD FOR TREATING INSULIN RESISTANCE THROUGH HEPATIC NITRIC OXIDE		

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

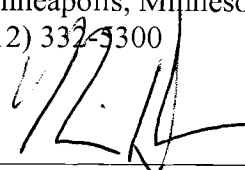
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 30, 2006, said period of response being extended from November 30, 2006 to February 28, 2007.

Our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 is being charged in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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